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11. (C) Ambassador and Emboffs met with Rwandan Foreign Minister Rosemary Museminali September 18 and delivered reftel demarche. Museminali expressed thanks for the background information, calling it very useful input. did not indicate what the GOR position would be, but said she recognized its importance, adding that Rwanda did not have a representative at the International Atomic Energy Agency (Note: Rwanda joined the IAEA this week. End Note.). On questions such as this, Museminali explained, Rwanda usually adopted the African Union consensus view but also sought to avoid taking positions harmful to U.S. interests. "We like to avoid voting 'no' (on issues of interest to the U.S.), so sometimes we abstain." The Ambassador requested that Rwanda look for ways to convey privately to Iranian representatives Rwanda's support for the diplomatic track represented by productive talks with the P5 1 offer. Museminali acknowledged it was "always good" to attempt such diplomacy, and did not rule it out. COMMENT: The overall tone of the meeting was positive and Museminali made clear she understood our views and welcomed the exchange. END COMMENT. SYMINGTON